

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 12 are pending, with Claims 1, 11, and 12 being independent. Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 12 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 over US 6,604,215 B1 (Chiba), taken alone or in combination with US 6,452,943 B1 (Furuya), JP-A 2002-084471 (“JP ‘471”), JP-A 2001-359073 (“JP ‘073”), and US 2003/0066078 A1 (Bjorgan, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 11, and 12 variously recite, *inter alia*, that the interruption point data is incorporated in the data on a stream broadcast relating to scene partitions of a program on the stream broadcast.

However, Applicants respectfully submit none of Chiba, Furuya, JP ‘471, JP ‘073, and Bjorgan, et al., even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 11, and 12.

Applicants respectfully submit that Chiba refers, e.g., to “section data” and states that section data “include data necessary for conditional accessing and the electronic program guide(EPG) as well as data called program specific information (PSI), which are required for channel selection” (e.g., col.1 , lines 42-45). However, Applicants respectfully submit that such provides neither a description nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features including “relating to scene partitions”.

Applicants further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features. By means of such features, e.g., Applicants submit that the present invention may, for example, perform controlling to interrupt at the partition of a scene of a program; by interrupting at a position a stream broadcasted data instructed by the interruption point data relating to the partition of the scene of the program, at a time of restarting a reproducing display, the reproducing can be started from the partition of the program, thereby the viewer can recognize continuity of the program smoothly through the program viewing, without causing an unnatural sense; the foregoing is a special advantage of the present invention. Of course, the claims are not limited to the disclosed embodiments.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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